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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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Examiner Name	K. Poon
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.					
1. Submission	required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114				
a. Previously submitted					
i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on					
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ii. □	Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Other		Techr	Technology Center 2600	
2. Miscellaneous					
a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)					
b. X Other Applicants hereby petition to extend the time for response to August 12, 2004 (a Notice of Appeal having been timely filed January 6, 2004). A check in the amount of \$2,010.00 is submitted herewith					
3. Fees The	The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.				
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